

**Stakeholder Forum for a
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1. The characteristics of Finnish Council help to deliver national sustainable development strategies:
 - ✓ Led by the PM
 - ✓ Very broad Membership consisting eg. Business, TUs, NGOs, Municipalities, Regions, the Lutheran Church, Academia...
 - ✓ A Partnership Forum (vs. Advisory Council)
 - ✓ Open dialogue

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2. The mechanisms, tools and platforms created by PM Office to reach out Stakeholders - but also public in general:

- ✓ Societys' Commitment to Sustainable Development
- ✓ Yearly monitoring seminar on the state and the future of the national strategy
- ✓ National Citizens' Panel for the Sustainable Development

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3. Governing with the Councils provides solutions instead of problems

- ✓ Necessary tool to to avoid silo approach in implementing SDGs
- ✓ Ensure policy coherence and a systemic whole-of-the-society approach
- ✓ Raise cross-sectoral and horizontal issues to discussion
- ✓ Tackles trade-offs and synergies
- ✓ Makes possible conflicts of interest visible - and therefore helps to overcome them.